

SAC, Pittsburgh

January 13, 1955

Director, FBI (100-3284)

PHILIP BART
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Re Pittsburgh airtel dated January 7, 1955,
captioned "CP-USA, District 5, Pittsburgh Division,
Security Measures, IS-C," copies of which were furnished
to New York.

Reairtel contains information concerning a
meeting attended by [redacted] in Philadelphia on
December 17, 1954, conducted by a Phil (last name
unknown). The description of this individual is
somewhat similar to that of Phil Bart and Pittsburgh
should promptly exhibit a photograph of Bart to the
informant. If [redacted] identifies Bart as the subject,
he should be thoroughly questioned for any additional
information which might be of value in determining
Bart's location. The Bureau, New York and Philadelphia
should be advised.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-56421)

DATE: JAN 13 1955

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-14562)

SUBJECT: CORNELIA MARGARETHA ANDERSON, was.
SM - C

Re Bureau letter to Boston dated November 16, 1954, and report of SA KENNETH P. WEST at Boston dated JAN 13 1955

In compliance with referenced letter the subject was recontacted and was advised that this office would be glad to accept any information which she, either alone or in the presence of her attorney, cared to volunteer.

Subsequently on December 22, 1954; the subject, accompanied by her attorney ROBERT V. MESERVE, who is employed by the firm of Nutter, Mc Clennen and Fish, 75 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and who formerly served as an Assistant United States Attorney appeared in the Boston Office.

The subject thereafter volunteered information concerning herself to SAs ROBERT R. ALMELL and KENNETH P. WEST as set forth in referenced report.

In addition the subject produced an article from the Akron Beacon Journal dated February 3, 1941. According to this article she was one of the Vice Presidents of the newly organized Ohio Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born which was affiliated with the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. This article also mentioned that EDWARD LAMB of Toledo was elected President of the Ohio Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

- cc: 2-Chicago (JAMES KELLER, CG 100-14652)
5-Cleveland (Enc.-1) (EDWARD LAMB; CV 100-8681)
(HARRY EAGLE, CV 100-)
(ROBERT CRUDEN, CV 100-)
(JANET CRUDEN, CV 100-)
(JAMES WISHART, CV 100-)
②-New York (PHILIP BART, NY 100-56579)
(CONSTANCE BART, NY 100-)
3-Philadelphia (PHILIP BART, PH 100-22157)
(CONSTANCE BART, PH 100-)
(JACK DEVINE, PH 100-)
4-Boston (HUGO DE GREGORY; BS 100-30)
(BENJAMIN SILVER, BS 100-6336)
(EVELYN SILVER, BS 100-18453)
(EDWARD LAMB, BS 100-28078)

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It is to be noted that the subject was originally contacted on October 2, 1954, concerning EDUARD OLIVER LAMB, Bureau File 100-14646. On that occasion Miss ANDERSON said she had never heard of LAMB. On December 22, 1954, she stated that although her name and that of LAMB's also appear in the same article she still is unable to remember him. A photostatic copy of this article is being forwarded for the information of the Cleveland Office.

Subject stated that she did not want to consider herself as an informer and that although she knew the names of other Communist Party members she did not know the name of anyone who, to her knowledge, had ever engaged in espionage or sabotage. The subject, however, subsequently advised that she felt that the following individuals in her opinion had been Communist Party members.

Akron, Ohio

JAMES WISHART, ROBERT and JANET CRUDEN, HARRY EAGLE and JAMES KELLER. She identified KELLER as having been a Communist Party organizer. It is believed that KELLER is now in Chicago.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

She identified PHILIP BART as a Communist Party organizer and said that she paid her Communist Party dues to CONSTANCE BART, the wife of PHILIP BART. She also identified JACK DEVINE as a Communist Party functionary.

Worcester, Massachusetts

She said that HUGO DE GREGORY was a Communist Party organizer in Worcester during 1948 and 1949 and on one occasion she had paid her dues to him. She further stated that on another occasion while she was serving as Chairman of the Progressive Party in Worcester, DE GREGORY came to the Progressive Party office and inasmuch as she resented any influence from the Communist Party she had DE GREGORY put out of her office.

She further stated that in her opinion BENJAMIN SILVER and his wife EVELYN were in the Communist Party but said she had no definite proof concerning this.

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Subject also stated that she had joined the Progressive Party inasmuch as HENRY WALLACE to her way of thinking was going to carry on the traditions of President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Subject displayed a cooperative, courteous and affable attitude while reciting her past activities. She said that she would rather resign her present position before causing her superiors any embarrassment because of her past connections. As indicated above she said she had no desire to be an informer and it would appear that she has no possibilities in this regard.

Mr. MESERVE said that he would be willing to have the subject furnish a signed statement at a later date provided he first could look it over. He also said he would be willing to have the subject answer any specific questions directed to her provided it was done in his presence.

Although the subject seemed sincere in her desire to furnish information concerning herself, it appeared that either by design or due to the lapse of time she was vague on several points which might be cleared up by a more pointed interrogation. It is, therefore, suggested that the Bureau authorize an interview with the subject whereby she might be questioned specifically concerning her activities. The subject is still on the Security Index and a request to remove her name is not being made until further advice is received from the Bureau as to whether or not she may be interviewed in an effort to secure her complete history.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-56579)

DATE: January 18, 1955

FROM : *CH* SAC, Detroit (100-14627)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940
OO: New York
Office of Prosecution: Philadelphia

The following information was developed during the course of fisurs being conducted on DORIS FINE, wife of FRED FINE, who was visiting ANNA and NAT GANLEY over the Christmas holidays. NAT GANLEY is a convicted Detroit Smith Act Subject presently out on bond.

On the night of December 28, 1954 during the course of a fisur on DORIS FINE, NAT and ANNA GANLEY departed their residence at 7:05 p.m. and a fisur was maintained by two Agents in one car. As DORIS FINE had remained at the GANLEY residence, remaining surveillance team remained in vicinity of this residence. Fisur reflected that the GANLEYS proceeded to the Riviera Theater at Grand River and Joy Road, Detroit, and met briefly with [redacted] who is a member of the Women's Commission of [redacted] and PEGGY WELLMAN. NAT GANLEY took up a position on foot approximately 20 yards north of the theater where he apparently could observe the theater entrance and general area. [redacted] in WELLMAN car, assumed position as lookout on opposite side of Grand River. ANNA GANLEY remained in GANLEY car, stopped in a bus-stop near the theater entrance.

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PEGGY WELLMAN remained in front of the theater and upon a signal from NAT GANLEY, entered the theater. Approximately five minutes later, PEGGY WELLMAN departed the theater and proceeded to the WELLMAN car. She and [redacted] left the area at 7:25 p.m. Fisur was impossible as ANNA GANLEY maintained her position until the WELLMAN car was out of the area. NAT GANLEY walked north on Grand River approximately two minutes after PEGGY WELLMAN entered the theater and he was not observed again in the area. At approximately 7:28 p.m. ANNA GANLEY departed the area.

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cc: Philadelphia (100-22157)

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Letter to New York

Re: PHILIP BART
IS-C; SA 1940

PEGGY WELLMAN is the wife of SAUL WELLMAN, convicted Detroit Smith Act Subject, presently out on bond.

Immediate inquiry at the theater by SA [redacted] reflected that PEGGY WELLMAN gained entrance to the theater by claiming that she had to locate members of her family. Usher [redacted] advised that after PEGGY WELLMAN had walked up and down the aisle several times, she was joined briefly by a male at the rear of the theater. [redacted] was unable to identify photographs of Comfugs exhibited at that time.

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[redacted] described unknown male as white, 5'9", hair combed straight back, bald in front, 165-170 pounds, dark hair, 35-40 years old and was wearing a blue suit.

Immediate search of the theater by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] assisted by the usher, failed to locate unidentified male. Fisur of the theater until closing time failed to locate anyone answering the description of this unidentified person.

Upon interview, the afternoon of December 29, 1954, [redacted] age 15, advised he could furnish no further descriptive data. He was shown a number of gloss photographs and after some hesitation selected photographs of SAUL WELLMAN, FRED MORRIS FINE, and PHIL BART, Midwest CP underground leader, as being most similar to unknown individual. It is noted that all three photographs were profile or semi-profile and the receding hairline on all subjects was quite obvious. [redacted] failed to select other photographs of these subjects. It is noted that [redacted] observation of unknown male was for only a brief moment in a dimly-lit theater.

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After leaving the theater, PEGGY WELLMAN arrived at the GANLEY residence at 7:40 p.m., where she was observed handing DORIS FINE a manila envelope, approximately 8½ x 11 inches. FINE did not open the envelope and she and PEGGY WELLMAN went to the rear of the GANLEY residence, where they could not be observed. When PEGGY WELLMAN left the theater, SA [redacted] noted that she was holding her arm in such a position that she could have been carrying an object under her coat. However, [redacted] advised that he did not observe anything being passed between PEGGY WELLMAN and unknown individual.

Letter to New York

Re: PHILIP BART
IS - C; SA 1940

Subsequent investigation and fisurs by the Detroit Office have failed to reveal the presence of PHILIP BART in this area.

Detroit will remain alert for any possibility of BART being in this area and will advise interested offices.

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Director, FBI (100-3284)

January 19, 1955

SAC, Pittsburgh (100-9098)

PHILIP BART, was.
IS - C, SA of 1940
Origin: New York

Rebulet 1/13/55 captioned as above, and my airtel 1/7/55 captioned "CP-USA, District 5, Pittsburgh Division, Security Measures; IS - C."

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[redacted] was contacted on 1/18/55 by SA RUSSELL M. GWYNNE at which time informant, after viewing the photograph of PHILIP BART contained in the Communist Album, stated that BART was not identical with the "PHIL" whom he met in Philadelphia, Pa., on 12/17/54. Informant stated he has not observed "PHIL" since his trip to Philadelphia and that he can furnish no further information identifiable with "PHIL."

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cc: 1 - New York (RM)
1 - Philadelphia (100-22157)(RM),
1 - [redacted]

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Director, FBI (100-3284)

January 20, 1955

SAC, Minneapolis (100-8208)

PHILIP BART
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to Bureau air-tel dated November 11, 1954, requesting a report of the meeting on November 13, 1954, between PHIL BART and the New York representative of the Communist Party Farm Commission.

This was handled in Minneapolis air-tel to the Bureau dated November 15, 1954.

Inasmuch as there has been no further indication that BART is in this district, the matter is being referred to the office of origin. If at any time this office receives information of BART'S presence in the area, this matter will be given immediate attention.

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cc: 1 - Milwaukee (100-11670)

1 - New York (100-56579)

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SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-8208)

January 27, 1955

SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-42 GA)

PHIL BART, was.
IS - C; SMITH ACT - 1940

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
COMMUNIST FUGITIVES
IS - C

Re Minneapolis letter dated November 17, 1954 relating to the possibility that ALEX KURKI may have attended a meeting in Minneapolis on November 13, 1954 as a courier for PHIL BART.

An examination of KURKI's known activities fails to indicate that there is any or has ever been any relationship between him and BART. It would seem more probable that someone else at this meeting of greater national importance, such as COE as an example, might have represented BART, if in fact any representative of BART attended the meeting.

KURKI has in the past participated in discussions concerning farm matters. He was active in the first part of the CP activity in the vicinity of Marengo, Wisconsin where he owned his own farm and still retains some acreage which he rents out. As organizer of the Marengo Branch of the CP all of his members were farmers. At the present time he is an organizer of the PP of Wisconsin for the northern part of the state, making contacts at Owen, Haugen, Rice Lake, Wisconsin where members of the PP are farmers, and where at PP meetings farm problems have been mentioned according to reports received from [redacted] who have attended some of these meetings. It would appear very reasonable for him to attend a party meeting at which farm policy would be discussed.

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cc: Mpls files 100-8385 b6
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1 - New York (100-56579)

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1 - MI 100-6399

2 - [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
D. Brown
2-8-55

Letter to Minneapolis (100-8208)

1/27/55

From an examination of KURKI's activities, there would appear to be no question that he is a trusted CP member. He was a member of the State Committee of the CP of Wisconsin for some years before the Party went underground. He was apparently a very close friend of FRED BLAIR, former Vice-Chairman of the CP of Wisconsin, who is now underground in Illinois and who, when in Wisconsin, handled CP matters relating to farm matters. He is currently an organizer of the PP, handles Daily Worker and Worker papers which he gives to sympathizers, receives Political Affairs, which he has also given out to individuals. In the last few years, there have been several indications that he has had contact with the CP underground, but nothing has been established through informants or surveillance to indicate that he has more than local importance.

His wife, BERTHA KURKI, is the cashier of Tyomies-Eteenpain, a Finnish language daily newspaper, which follows the CP line. She, too, has been a trusted CP member in the past.

KURKI's contacts with persons in northern Wisconsin appear to be explainable. Last year he was, for a time, business manager of IWA-CIO, Duluth, Minnesota which carried him into lumbering areas of the state of Minnesota. As an active functionary of the PP, he has participated in joint functions of the PP and other front groups incorporating the Duluth-Superior area. Perhaps his most significant contacts in the past year were visits to the home of GEORGE LUND, Duluth, Minnesota, who is believed by your office possibly connected with the underground movement in Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Office will be advised of any activity on behalf of KURKI which involves any connection with the CP in Minnesota.

A photograph of ALEX KURKI has already been supplied to the Minneapolis Office.

NEW YORK & NEWARK & FROM PHILADELPHIA

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MARTIN SILVERMAN, WA HARTY, IC-C. RE NYTEL JANUARY TWENTY ONE, LAST.
 SECURITY OFFICER, WATERMAN PRODUCTS CO., PH, ADVISED TODAY THAT SUBJECT
 WOULD BE PICKED UP TOMORROW AT HIS HOME, LEWISTOWN, PA., EIGHT THIRTY
 A. M. BY MALCOLM LANE, WATERMAN PRODUCTS CO. PLANT MANAGER, IN LANE'S
 NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE PINK AND BLACK DE SOTO, NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE
 PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE G EIGHT ONE EIGHT SEVEN, AND PROCEED TO NATIONAL
 UNION TUBE CO., NEWARK, N. J., ARRIVING TEN THIRTY A.M. TO EXAMINE AND
 PURCHASE CATHODE RAY TUBE EQUIPMENT. AFTER TRANSACTING BUSINESS LANE
 WILL DROP SUBJECT AT NEWARK RR STATION TO CATCH TRAIN ENROUTE NEW YORK.
 ON JANUARY TWENTY SEVEN TO TWENTY NINE SUBJECT WILL ATTEND AMERICAN
 PHYSICAL SOCIETY MEETING AND RETURN TO PH BY TRAIN. ABOVE CALLED TO
 ATTENTION OF NY AND NY IN EVENT INFORMANTS AND SOURCES REPORT SUBJECT
 IN THEIR TERRITORY. SUBJECT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH PHILIP DART,
 MISSING PHILA. SMITH ACT SUBJECT, WHEN DART WAS ACTIVE IN PH.
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 POUNDS, DARK BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES.

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RE, NY 1/31/55

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CP, USA, FUNDS; IS-C. NY 694-B ADVISED ON 1/31/55 THAT ON PREVIOUS DAY HE CONTACTED LEM HARRIS, WHO STATED HE HAD MET "THE NEW BOSS- JIM - A FEW DAYS AGO." HARRIS SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED "JIM" AS PHIL BART. ACCORDING TO HARRIS HE HAD BEEN TAKEN BY A STANLEY AND ROY LEVISON BY A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE TO A SECRET RENDEZ-VOUS IN NYC WHERE HE MET BART. PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS AS FOLLOWS: BART DESIRED HARRIS TO EXAMINE A LIST OF CP DONORS AND TO ADVISE WHETHER HARRIS HAD ANY NAMES ON HIS LIST OF CP DONORS WHICH COULD BE ADDED TO BART'S LIST. HARRIS HAD NO ADDITIONAL NAMES. INFORMANT NOTES THAT ABOVE INFO CONFIRMS THAT BART IS SUCCESSOR TO WILLIAM WEINER AS HEAD OF CP RESERVE FUND OPERATIONS.

RALLY

- 7- BUREAU (100-3-63)
 - (1- 100-3204)(PHIL BART)
 - (1- 100-392452)(STANLEY LEVISON)
 - (1- 100-) (ROY LEVISON)
 - (1- 100-) (LEM HARRIS)
- 2- CHICAGO (CP, USA FUNDS)(INFO)(AIR MAIL)
 - (1- 134-46)(PAC)(INFO)
- 1- NY 100-7652 (LEM HARRIS)(7-1)
- 1- NY 100-11120 (ROY LEVISON)(7-1)
- 1- NY 100-11180 (STANLEY LEVISON)(7-1)
- ① NY 100-55579 (PHIL BART)(7-1)
- 1- NY 134-91 (PAC) (6)
- 1- ASAC MOORE

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 (1- T. J. McANDREWS)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's case before U. S. Supreme Court will not be calendared until Court has a full bench, and has not as yet been assigned.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On October 18, 1954, and again on December 6, 1954, Mr. C. D. ZIMMERMAN, Assistant Clerk, United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., advised that BART's case will not be calendared or assigned until the Court has a full bench.

On January 25, 1955, Mr. ZIMMERMAN advised the writer that it was his estimate that it would be from two to three months before BART's case could be considered.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will follow and report prosecutive action of
subject's case before U. S. Supreme Court.

REFERENCE: Washington Field letter to Bureau dated
December 16, 1954
Report of SA LYMAN G. HAILLY dated June 14,
1954, at Washington, D. C.

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FBI, CHICAGO (100-21222)(100-12259)

FEBRUARY 4, 1955

DIRECTOR, FBI

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS; CHICAGO DIVISION; ARTHUR
CONRAD HAENDLE; INTERNAL SECURITY - C. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF

INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE DEVELOPED 1/28/55 AT THE
RESIDENCE OF ARTHUR CONRAD HAENDLE, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE CP IN THE
MIDWEST AREA. HAENDLE PRESENTLY IN UNDERGROUND STATUS AND RESIDING UNDER
ASSUMED NAME IN CG. ANONYMOUS SOURCE INDICATES THAT HAENDLE HAS IN HIS
POSSESSION CONSIDERABLE DATA CONCERNING DUES PAYMENTS OF THE CP FOR THE
STATES OF OHIO, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA, AND
THE DAKOTAS. THE ABOVE APPARENTLY CONSTITUTES THE MIDWEST REGION OF THE
CP - USA. COMPLETE DATA CONCERNING THESE DUES PAYMENTS HAS BEEN SET FORTH
IN A LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR & INTERESTED OFFICES DATED 2/4/55. DUES
PAYMENTS ARE TRANSMITTED TO NEW YORK, ACCORDING TO ABOVE SOURCE, THROUGH
AN INDIVIDUAL ONLY IDENTIFIED AS J. OR JIM. THE SOURCE LIKEWISE RE-
FLECTED THAT BEGINNING IN APPROXIMATELY NOV., 1954, THE PERSON THROUGH
WHOM HAENDLE TRANSMITTED THIS MONEY CHANGED AND THIS INDIVIDUAL IS
IDENTIFIED AS BEING N. AND THAT THE ULTIMATE RECIPIENT OF THE MONEY IN
NEW YORK IS J. DUE TO ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES J. OR JIM IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL

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WITH PHIL BART, IT BEING NOTED THAT CG-5824-S IN THE PAST HAD ADVISED THAT BART HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE MIDWEST AREA OF THE CP, AND IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT RECENTLY PHIL BART TOOK OVER WILLIAM WEINER'S JOB ON FINANCES ON A NATIONAL LEVEL FOR CP. SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED AN UNDATED HANDWRITTEN LETTER FROM AN UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL NAMED NEVA. LETTER IS TO HER HUSBAND, UNNAMED, AND FROM CONTACTS IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE HUSBAND IS IN UNDERGROUND STATUS. BY LETTER DATED 2/4/55 MILWAUKEE & MINNEAPOLIS BEING REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN THE IDENTITY OF THE ABOVE NEVA INASMUCH AS CONTENTS OF LETTER INDICATE THIS WOMAN LIVES EITHER IN MILWAUKEE OR MINNEAPOLIS. SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED UNDATED LETTER TO HAENDLE FROM HIS WIFE, REVA HAENDLE, WHO IS A MISSING SECURITY INDEX SUBJECT. A SLIP OF PAPER WAS ALSO FOUND BEARING AN ADDRESS WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE ADDRESS OF REVA HAENDLE'S MOTHER IN SAN DIEGO, CALIF. REVA IN HER LETTER INDICATES SHE IS LIVING WITH HER MOTHER. AIRTEL DATED 2/4/55 BEING SENT TO SAN DIEGO TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE OF HAENDLE'S WIFE IN THAT AREA. SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED CONSIDERABLE DATA CONCERNING THE AGENDA & MINUTES OF FARM COMMISSION MEETINGS OF THE CP - USA HELD DURING 1954 INVOLVING MIDWEST AREA. APPROPRIATE DISSEMINATION TO INTERESTED OFFICES IS BEING MADE ON THIS INFORMATION.

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SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED NAME OF ONE M. ALTMAN WITH A STREET & BUSINESS ADDRESS IN MILWAUKEE, WISC., THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN. MILWAUKEE BY LETTER DATED 2/3/55 REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY ALTMAN. SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED A HANDBILL ENTITLED "HALT - POLICE INTIMIDATION" ISSUED IN JANUARY ~~1955~~ UNKNOWN BY CP OF MILWAUKEE. THIS HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO MILWAUKEE FOR INFORMATION. SOURCE ALSO INDICATED THAT OF ALL DUES COLLECTED BY HAENDLE FROM THE VARIOUS STATES PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THAT 40 PER CENT REMAINS WITH THE DISTRICT FROM WHICH COLLECTED, 20 PER CENT GOES TO THE MIDWEST REGION OF THE CP AND 40 PER CENT GOES TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO DEVELOP ANOTHER ANONYMOUS SOURCE CONCERNING HAENDLE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-29060)
SUBJECT: ESTHER WEINER
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 2-8-55

On December 6, 1954, CG-5824-S orally advised SA MICHAEL R. CARRANO regarding a personal contact with ESTHER WEINER on December 1, 1954, during the informant's visit to New York. According to the informant, Mrs. WEINER indicated that she was still working in a dress shop in Far Rockaway, New York. She told the informant her usual complaints regarding the lack of money, mistreatment by the Party, and her illness. She also told the informant of the memorial meeting in honor of her husband, and described the speech of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN as "vulgar". She added that if it had not been for SAM BROWN, there would have been no meeting at all. She claimed that the unveiling ceremony of the monument in honor of her husband was "terrible" as the majority of the persons present were her own family.

She told the informant that she had some problems to discuss with him but was afraid that her house was "wired"; therefore, she and the informant took a walk during which time she told the informant that she had been contacted by the FBI the day after the unveiling ceremony. She claimed that the agents talked "fast and long" and as a result she became frightened. She also claimed that the agents indicated knowledge of some very personal facts concerning her and her family. She stated that she rebuffed them because she was afraid that it was a trap and as a result notified the Party regarding

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- 14 - New York (REGISTERED) 100-96985 (CP - UNDERGROUND)
- 100-11897 (ESTHER WEINER) 100- (MRS. MILTON HELLER)
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- 100-21785 (SAM BROWN)
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- 100-111180 (STAN LEVISON)
- 100-93796 (PEGGY DENNIS) 1 - Chicago (A) 134-163
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this contact by the FBI. According to Mrs. WEINER, LEM HARRIS had told her that the Party "appreciated" her handling of this matter.

Mrs. WEINER continued that a few days later a man from the Immigration and Naturalization Service appeared at the shop at which she is employed. He did not speak to her but spoke to the other women in the shop regarding the registration of aliens. Mrs. WEINER felt that this was for her benefit and as a result, she told the other women in the shop of the FBI's approach and that the man from INS had actually come to "intimidate her" and if this contact affects them adversely, she would leave the shop. She blamed the government for intimidation and possibly being the cause of her losing her job. She believed that as a result, she would be fired.

Mrs. WEINER also told the informant that the "Russians" had left with her a government bond valued at approximately \$8,000 and asked the informant what she should do about it. She continued that her husband, WILLIAM WEINER, had given the bond to STANLEY LEVISON for safekeeping and she had requested the Party to return it to her. She claimed that these Party "scoundrels" had opened the envelope which contained the bond, noted its contents, and returned the envelope to her. She was of the opinion that the reason the Party had cut her off was because they knew of the bond and felt that she had sufficient means to sustain herself. She added that rumors had reached her that WILLIAM WEINER had cheated the Party and amassed a fortune which would be sufficient to take care of her. She indicated that she came to the conclusion that she should turn the bond over to the Party. She contacted PEGGY DENNIS and asked her to go with her to see Party officials. PEGGY declined but told Mrs. WEINER that she would tell GENE DENNIS that Mrs. WEINER had turned everything of WILLIAM WEINER's over to the Party, indicating that she was not holding out.

One day, according to Mrs. WEINER, she received word from STAN LEVISON to meet him and he would arrange for her to meet the "right person". According to Mrs. WEINER they took a very circuitous route which eventually led to PHIL BART. She described BART as "very pompous and one who had "grown fat in luxury". She turned the bond over to PHIL BART, which he disdainfully threw to LEVISON, claiming that "they already knew what was in it". BART gave her a lecture and left. LEVISON then took her out and told her to go home.

Mrs. WEINER claimed that none of the Party people come to visit her except for a few of her relatives. She continually

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"cursed" all of the Party people for what they had done to her. She claimed that since her husband's death, she could not force herself to concentrate any more.

She also told the informant that her son-in-law, MILTON HELLER, had also been recontacted by the FBI one day on his way to lunch. When he saw them, he turned around and went back into the shop. She indicated that he was subpoenaed to appear in Washington, D. C. regarding the hearing on the May Day Committee since he had signed some work orders. Her daughter, Mrs. HELLER, according to the informant is still very outspoken against the Party.

According to the informant, the CP has no use for Mrs. WEINER or the HELLERS but indicated that he would keep in contact with them and explain to the Party that these contacts are his attempt to "straighten them out". He added that the CP also feels that the WEINER house really belongs to the Party. The informant concluded that if the Bureau exercises patience and does not permit interference from other government agencies, that a future contact with Mrs. WEINER would be advisable. He stated that this contact should receive careful preparation, utilizing the utmost tact and diplomacy. He felt that the Bureau should show Mrs. WEINER that she is not violating her husband's memory by talking to the FBI but instead that the Party was the one who had violated everything he had done for the CP.

Mrs. WEINER also told the informant that the Party suspects one GREENBAUM of being a spy. According to the informant, GREENBAUM is a lawyer and an accountant for Prompt Press.

It should be noted that should any reinterview of captioned subject be contemplated by New York Division, that extreme caution be exercised in order to maintain the security of this highly placed informant.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NY

FROM: SA Charles THOMAS, JR.
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SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, WAS.
I-S-C Smith Act of 1940

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-3284)
FROM : SAC, New York (100-56579)
SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was
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DATE: 2/7/55

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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DATE: 2-7-55
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On December 6, 1954, CG-5824-S, a highly placed informant, orally advised SA MICHAEL R. CARRANO regarding a personal contact with BETTY GANNETT on November 30, 1954, at the Brass Rail on Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York. Extreme care must be used in the reporting and dissemination of the following information in order to maintain the security of this informant.

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GANNETT and the informant discussed her trial and she stated that it was doubtful that a ruling would be made before January 1, 1955. She recounted the fight on the bail question and how the government had tried to pressure the judge to do as they wished. She told the informant of how the testimony of JOHN LAUTNER was ruled out and she indicated that she would probably be out for a few months longer. ~~X~~

She gave the informant the details of the LAUTNER case as follows: The CP received information on LAUTNER from the Hungarians to the effect that he was a spy and was linked up with PETERS who is still in jail in Hungary. Word was gotten out of Hungary to expel LAUTNER from the Party and a scheme was evolved to get rid of him by setting up a a meeting for him in Cleveland, Ohio, with JACK KLING, SAUL WELLMAN, and JOSEPH BRANDT. Upon his arrival, LAUTNER was stripped, beaten, and tortured but they could get nothing out of him so they let him go. She claimed that this was a mistake and that such mistakes will not be made in the future as once the Party learns of the identity of a "spy", he will not be allowed to walk out alive. ~~X~~

During a discussion of the Party's activities during the November, 1954 election, GANNETT corroborated the statements of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER regarding the third party (subject of another memorandum) and indicated that the CP will have to admit in the future the mistake in this connection. Instead of a third party, according to GANNETT, the CP will attempt to mobilize broad legislative conferences sponsored by individuals and representatives of organizations not identified as left-wing. One such conference would be called a week before Congress meets and would not be a permanent body with no set name but would attempt to get as many CP people as possible elected to important positions in order to influence pending legislation. The purpose of these conferences is to take up broad legislative programs on a united front basis. ~~X~~

In regard to the Civil Rights Congress, GANNETT stated that this organization, as far as the CP is concerned, is no longer useful as it has become identified as a CP front. ~~X~~

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She stated that the Party will gradually disband this organization because of its present limited field of operation. Instead, the Party will form an organization to defend the civil liberties of people from all walks of life and will not be limited to the defense of Communist. This organization will be broader in scope, temporary in character, and more flexible in order to include the defense of democratic and constitutional issues of more popular interest. She added, however, that such an organization would also be able to defend the prosecution of any CP members. ~~X~~

In regard to future attacks against the CP, GANNETT stated that the Party feels that the government will continue to make more arrests in an attempt to dissipate the CP in defending these cases. GANNETT added that the CP has come to the conclusion that the possibility exists that they will not be able to defend all CP members arrested and will not put CP people on the stand in order to prolong the trials. GANNETT also stated that the Party feels that when the arrests reach the lower echelons, the Party may let these CP people stay in jail, demanding a quick trial, and sacrifice them to the government. She indicated that the Communist Parties in Europe have raised the question of why the CP - USA is playing into the hands of the U. S. Government by dissipating funds, people, etc., in fighting these trials.. She indicated further that the Party may also utilize court-appointed attorneys in any of these future trials. According to GANNETT, in view of the fact that the original National Committee will be coming out of jail in March, 1955, this will raise additional problems, especially if they are re-arrested on the membership charge. This would result in high bonds, expensive trials, etc. and therefore, the Party feels that they will not be able to defend every CP member arrested. ~~X~~

GANNETT and informant then discussed HARRY HAYWOOD and his present status in the Party. She told the informant that HAYWOOD was instructed to write an article at the time the Party was preparing their draft program. HAYWOOD never finished this article but instead wrote a long theoretical document condemning the CP and its leaders for their stand on the Negro Question. ~~X~~

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She claimed that a terrific factional dispute is going on in Harlem and that a meeting was to be called by the Negro Commission regarding HAYWOOD's article ~~entitled "National Pride"~~.

The informant then asked GANNETT regarding the present status of the Communist Party. She answered by stating that it was "no good" and quoted the membership figure for District Number Two as being less than 4,000. It should be noted that this figure was later verified by BILL LAWRENCE. GANNETT added that District Thirteen is the best District in the country and they do not have that many CP members. She stated that the National CP membership figure is 10,000. It must be noted that the informant did not know whether this represented an average of dues-paying membership over a period of time or whether it represented the actual registered members.

GANNETT then spoke of Party finances and indicated that the situation has never been so critical. She stated that the pay of CP functionaries is overdue, bills are not being met and literature is in a state of crisis. Even the "Daily Worker" is having trouble printing the paper on a day-to-day basis. She stated that the situation has disturbed her to the extent that she can't sleep at nights and has even gone so far as to postpone going to the office rather than face the day-to-day problems.

PHIL BART, according to GANNETT, is now head of finances of the National Office and the Party feels that WILLIAM WEINER, upon his death, took with him the names of many secret contributors. The Party tried JACK KLING for awhile but found it did not work out so he was replaced by BART. She claimed that every time she meets with BART he gives her a lecture on the failure of the Party to raise money rather than his getting out and raising money himself. She claimed further that BART is responsible for "everything" in the Party, including the underground, and he is supplying the underground first and whatever is left goes to the open Party affairs. GANNETT felt that BART could do more to help the finances of the open Party organization. She explained how pressed the Party is for funds by indicating that ISADORE WOFSY and NY-694-S were to make attempts to obtain a loan which,

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she claimed, would just meet the Party payroll for one week. The informant explained to GANNETT the poor financial condition of NY-694-S and she told the informant to tell NY-694-S not to talk to WOFYSY about financial matters but that he should contact her directly in the future. GANNETT told the informant that LOUIS DISKIN and JOHN GRAY had been ordered by the Party to return to Chicago on a permanent basis. ~~X~~

In regard to her brother, HARRY YARRIS, GANNETT stated that he had called her on the phone from Warsaw, Poland recently. She stated that he continually omits any reference to his work, which leads her to the conclusion that he must be doing something confidential. His wife is not feeling well and his son is still in America staying with his mother and stepfather. She claimed that HARRY is lonesome for him but the son refuses to write to HARRY. She indicated that the son is not ideologically inclined. ~~X~~

While walking to GANNETT's car, which the informant described as a 1948 or 1949 Chrysler, he told her of his last Canadian trip and the L.P.P. program. The only question she raised was the Canadian Party's slogan for a people's democracy, which she claimed smacked of a European touch rather than an Anglo-American touch. ~~X~~

In discussing CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, she stated that she feels that LIGHTFOOT has developed and will be all right in the future as long as he works closely with ALBERT BLUMBERG, who is concentrating on union work on a national basis at the present time. She indicated that LIGHTFOOT had praised, to her, the informant's work in steel. ~~X~~

The informant told GANNETT of the different stories he had heard as to what had happened in the International Fur and Leather Workers Union. She explained that the fight originally started a few years ago since the Party was not in contact with BEN GOLD and the Party assumed that he knew what to do. Meanwhile, she continued, a group was formed in the IFLWU which plotted GOLD's ouster as GOLD's position in the Union had been weakened when IRVING POTASH ~~X~~

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was sent to jail. When GOLD was indicted, this group insisted that he resign and GOLD would have resigned but at the last Union convention MARCANTONIO advised him against it. However, GOLD made a speech wherein he stated that if at anytime he (GOLD) felt that the Union wanted him to leave, he would do it for the good of the Union. During this convention, GOLD learned of a caucus which was formed to seek his ouster. GOLD thought that this caucus had the support of the CP and therefore condemned the Party and its leaders for this action. The CP tried unsuccessfully to reach him as he would have nothing to do with them. When they finally reached GOLD, he learned that the Party had not instituted this movement and that the original mistake was caused by the fact that the Party had given this group, including ABE FEINGLASS, authority to negotiate a merger between the IFLWU and the AFL Meatcutters Union. According to GANNETT, the Party is convinced that this group is anti-Communist Party and is opportunistic. She claimed that this group used the anti-Communist sentiment in the IFLWU to gain the support of the leather group and as this fact became known, the right-wing element in the IFLWU made demands for loyalty oaths and she added that FEINGLASS joined in these demands behind the scenes. She continued that the fight reached the Joint Board and GOLD was upheld. As a result, GOLD was placed on the Joint Board for Contract Negotiations but with the understanding that if a merger was successful, GOLD would have to resign. She added that the same group had passed a resolution to the effect that the union would not give any funds to any non-trade union organizations. This group also voted down a resolution to greet POTASH when he is released from jail; however, some Party people within the Fur Union did get some of the rank and file to form a Welcoming Committee for POTASH. In regard to POTASH, GANNETT stated that he had previously agreed to deportation but with the membership charge being placed against him, he will fight any deportation. In connection with FEINGLASS, she indicated that the Party feels that he is no good to them any more and that originally FEINGLASS had been selected as a "middle-of-the-road" candidate but after his election, he renounced the Party. ~~ⓧ~~

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DEVELOPMENT ON 1/28/55 OF ANONYMOUS SOURCE CLOSE TO
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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✓ 65-15647-77 P58			
✓ 97-169-2821			
✓ 65-16304-125 P2			
✓ 100-4931 1A 483			
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✓ 54-144-1356

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✓ 100-56579-809 * *main file on Bart.*

✓ 105-7886-26 p6

✓ 100-98699-39 p1

✓ 100-81752-11399A

* 65-14737-358 p2

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✓ 100-105630-15 p26

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✓ 100-96985-2009-P8

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✓ 100-90750-185 p1

✓ 100-16785-2715

✓ 100-96985-2054 p41

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<u>100-13644-4853 p21</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
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<u>100-16785-2573 p2</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>* 100-63071-50-6</u>	<u>Chambers</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>100-56579-434 p6</u>	<u>Bant's main file</u>		
<u>100-78582-61-p8,9</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>100-1-80 p3,9</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>148 p 51,57,58,61,63,64,77</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>152 p 2</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>165</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>197 p 3, 25, 29</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>

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<u>100-27582-522</u>	<u>p12,13,17</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>67-1777-1353</u>	<u>(aug 51)</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>65-2977-219</u>	<u>p3, #</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
	<u>420</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>100-7629-564</u>	<u>p43</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>100-4931-8485</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
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<u>100-107132-1320</u>	<u>p6, 5</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>100-0-76292</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>100-105649-3087</u>	<u>p2</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>100-107132-1033</u>		<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
<u>100-16785-2941</u>	<u>p14</u>	<u>no info</u>	<u>no info</u>
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CONFROSE, PHILADELPHIA DIVISION, PHILIP BART, WAS, IS-C. RE NY
 AIRTEL, 2/14/55. NY 693-S ADVISED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED MALE
 NAMED "NANNY" CONTACTED "PHIL BART" AT CP HEADQUARTERS, REC,
 ON 2/17/55 AND MADE APPOINTMENT TO SEE HIM TODAY. PHILIP AT
 HEADQUARTERS THIS DATE REVEALED PERSON BELIEVED POSSIBLY
 IDENTICAL WITH PHIL BART RETURNED CP HEADQUARTERS AT 1:05 PM.
 THIS PERSON WAS OBSERVED TO BE CONSIDERABLY OLDER IN
 APPEARANCE THAN AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF BART. BART WAS NOT

- 4 - BUREAU (REGULAR MAIL)
 - (3 - 100-3284 (PHILIP BART))
 - (1 - 100-1-71, SUB 18 (CONFROSE FILE))
- 2 - PHILADELPHIA (REGULAR MAIL)
 - (1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART))
 - (1 - PHILADELPHIA CONFROSE)
- 1 - NY 100-81752-8 (CONFROSE)
- 1 - NY 100-96985 (CP USA UNRECORDED)
- 1 - NY 104-91 (NY 693-S)

DATED (67-1)
 NY 100-96979 (PHILIP BART) (7-1)

(11) *Kid*

1 - Supervisor F.J. SMITH

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100-56579-935 *re*

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OBSERVED LEAVING HEADQUARTERS. NY 698-S HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT BART WILL HOLD THE POSITION OF ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER, CP USA, AND CONTINUE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE RESERVE FUND. IT APPEARS BART MAY NOW BE IN OPEN PARTY. CLOSE CONTACT WITH ABOVE INFORMANTS WILL BE MAINTAINED AND FISURE AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS CONDUCTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BART. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD.

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OF, USA; IS - C, DAYLIT, [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CP HELD 2/19,20/55 AT YOUNG SLAY HALL, NYC, MARTHA STONE PRESIDED AND PHIL BART WAS CHAIRMAN. DELEGATES ATTENDED FROM DETROIT, PHILADELPHIA AND CHICAGO AND TOPIC WAS "DAILY WORKER" CIRCULATION. b7D

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3 BUREAU (REGULAR)
1 DETROIT (REGULAR)
1 PHILADELPHIA (REGULAR) b7D
1 CHICAGO (REGULAR)
1 [REDACTED] (PAC)
100-46211 (MARTHA STONE) (7-5)
100-56579 (PHIL BART) (7-1)
97-149 (DAILY WORKER) (7-2)

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: ~~BART~~ BART, PHILIP

Office File 100-56579
Bufile 100-3284

^{Missing} The following is the most recent place of employment, employ-
ment address, and residence address of the above subject as
contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

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Residence: Unknown

Employment: Unknown

Address:

Key Facility (Yes___)(No___) Detcom (Yes) (No___) Comsab (Yes___)(No)
Security Flash (Yes) (No___) Photo (Yes) (No___)

DATE: 5-10-54
CF

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employ-
ment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of
the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made
below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash
should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine
the existence of a criminal record.

Employment: *Unknown*

Address:

Key Facility: (Yes___)(No___) Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom and Comsab: (Yes___) (No___)

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date:

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Residence: *Unknown*

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PHILLIP BART, WAS; 19-C. NY 694-S ADVISED THIS DATE HE HAD A GRANCH MEETING WITH SUBJECT AT THE MIAMI DELICATESSES, FIFTE AVENUE BETWEEN 19TH AND 20TH STREETS, NYC. INFORMANT STATED BART WAS HAVING LUNCH WITH ANDY REEB, ^{CLEVELAND} ~~CALIFORNIA~~ SMITH AND SUBJECT; FURTHER THAT INFORMANT REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH BART TO DISCUSS VARIOUS BUSINESS MAT ETC. ACCORDING TO INFORMANT BART WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND STATED "AS OF TODAY I AM AROUND." FURTHER THAT HE COULD SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT THROUGH THE INFORMANT'S PARTY CONTACTS. INFORMANT RELATED SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE MEETING LEON WOLFSKY, RECENTLY ELECTED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE, CP USA, ADVISED INFORMANT THAT "PHIL IS OUT AND WILL BE WORKING IN NYC." INFORMANT ADVISED HE DESIRED TO CONTACT BART TO DETERMINE STATUS OF BART'S ^{APPEARANCE} ~~APPEAR~~ BEFORE US SUPREME COURT. IT IS NOTED IN MAY, 1951, BART WAS CONVICTED IN USDO

- 3 - BUREAU (100-3284) (REGULAR MAIL)
- 1 - PHILADELPHIA (100-22157) (REGULAR MAIL)
- 1 - NY 134-91 (NY 694-S)
- 1 - NY 100-14899 (ANDY REEB) (7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-9685 (CP, USA UNDERGROUND) (7-1)

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 NY 100-3284 56579

(9) *kid*
 - Supervisor T.M. WOOD

100-56579-938

WASHINGTON, DC, AND RECEIVED A THREE MONTHS JAIL TERM AND THREE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE FOR CONTEMPT AND THAT HE REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS WHEN HE APPEARED BEFORE THE HUAC IN JUNE 1950. APPEAL OF BART'S CASE IS PENDING BEFORE US SUPREME COURT. INFORMANT STATED HE WAS SOMEWHAT INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER SINCE BART HAD REFUSED TO ANSWER HUAC QUESTIONS CONCERNING A PASSPORT ALLEGEDLY USED BY BART FOR TRAVEL TO EUROPE IN 1932. THIS PASSPORT CONTAINED FICTITIOUS NAME AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INFORMANT. NY HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING BART'S PRESENT ADDRESS OR HIS CURRENT ACTIVITIES. NY 694-S AS WELL AS OTHER NY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN ALERTED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION CONCERNING BART. THE BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING BART'S ACTIVITIES IS ASCERTAINED.

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NY, NY 2/18/55

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CP, USA - ORGANIZATION; IS - C. BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH THREE DASH SIX NINE. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ADVISES THAT ACCORDING TO GEORGE WATT, CP, USA, NATIONAL TRADE UNION FUNCTIONARY, FOLLOWING IS LIST OF QUOTE CURRENT OPERATING NATIONAL CP, USA, LEADERSHIP QUOTE, IN ORDER OF THEIR IMPORTANCE, SAID LEADERSHIP TO CONTINUE UNTIL RELEASE FROM PRISON OF EUGENE DENNIS; WILLIAM E. FOSTER, IN OVERALL CHARGE IN QUOTE AS HONORARY CAPACITY QUOTE; CLAUD LIGHTFOOT, IN ACTUAL CHARGE OF OVERALL ORGANIZATIONAL AND POLITICAL MATTERS; GEORGE WATT, IN CHARGE OF TRADE UNION MATTERS; MARTHA STONE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, QUOTE REPLACING BETTY GARNETT IN MOST OF GARNETT'S OPERATIONS QUOTE; PHIL BART, ORGANIZATIONAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER, STILL IN CHARGE OF THE CP RESERVE FUND; ALBERT BLUMBERG, IN CHARGE OF THE QUOTE DAILY WORKER QUOTE, POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. ASIDE FROM ABOVE MENTIONED TOP LEADERSHIP, WATT MENTIONED ISIDORE WOFSY AS AN QUOTE ALL ROUND LEG DASH MAN QUOTE IN FINANCIAL OPERATIONS AND CONTACT WORK. WATT ALSO MENTIONED LEON WOFSY, PRESENTLY LYL LEADER, AS BEING CROOKED FOR A TOP PARTY POSITION.

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- 1-100-18763 (GEORGE WATT) (7-1)
- 1-100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (7-5)
- 1-100-9365 (WILLIAM E. FOSTER) (7-5)
- 1-100-98699 (CLAUD LIGHTFOOT) (7-5)
- 1-100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (7-5)
- 1-100-13183 (BETTY GARNETT) (7-1)
- ①-100-3224 (PHIL BART) (7-1) — 100-56579
- 1-100-9984 (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (7-5)
- 1-100-18673 (LEON WOFSY) (12-14)
- 1-100-19679 (ISIDORE WOFSY) (7-1)
- 1-134-91 (P & C)

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TO: : SAC, New York

DATE: 2/25/55

FROM : SA W T Marchessault

(NY 100-56579)
(Bufile 100-3284)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, wa.
IS-C, SA of Yo.

Amended pages

Characterization stamp

Bureau instructions have been received to the effect that in connection with stamping the various serials wherein [redacted] is mentioned as being of known unreliability, it is necessary that the agent who placed the stamp on the serial, initial it and date it as of the date the stamp was placed on the serial.

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Bureau instructions have also been received that with reference to amended pages to reports which have been prepared, the agent preparing the amended pages must mark each individual amended page "Amended", followed by the initials of the agent and the date the amended pages were prepared.

In both of the above instances, the date involved will be known to the agent, as it will be found on the previous memorandum prepared by him or the cover letter transmitting the amended pages, which are contained in the master file on [redacted] and which will be distributed to the agents.

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Agents are to take the action indicated by the Bureau. They are then to date instant memorandum as of the date they took the action. They are to sign their name at the top of this memorandum following the words "From: SA". New York file number and Bureau file number, where known, should be set out in the appropriate space above. Agents are to write in the name of the person involved in their check after the word "Subject". Agents should list at the end of this memorandum the exact serial numbers and file numbers which they have handled in accordance with the above instructions. The agent is to check in the appropriate block above whether or not corrective action involved the characterizing stamp or amended pages.

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In order to be certain that no errors were made in the previous stamping, the agents are instructed, in connection with this project, to recheck the stamp placed thereon to be certain that the stamp lists [redacted] as "of known unreliability".

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The agent's signing of this memorandum will be considered as a certification by that agent that all of the above instructions have been complied with.

This memorandum, which must be completed in duplicate, together with the serials being charged out to the agent in connection with this project, must be returned personally to Supervisor [redacted] by agents from Section 12 and to Supervisor Warren T. Marchessault by agents working on Section 7.

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BUREAU

PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, IS-C. DAYLET. ON 2/28/55 NY 1475-36
ADVISED A CONFERENCE WAS HELD REGARDING THE "DAILY WORKER"
AT THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE CP IN NYC. AMONG THOSE
ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE WERE MARTHA STONE, CHARLES NUSGER,
IRVING (BELIEVED TO BE IRVING HERMAN), BOB (BELIEVED TO BE
BOB APPEL), AND PHIL BART (WHO HAS BEEN RECENTLY IDENTIFIED

- 3- BUREAU (100-3-86)
- 1- CHICAGO (100-) (CP, USA, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1- SPRINGFIELD (100-) (CP, USA, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1- NEWARK (100-) (JOSEPH FISHER)
- 1- NEWARK (100-) (CP, USA, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1- NEW HAVEN (100-) (SID TAYLOR)
- 1- NEW HAVEN (100-) (CP, USA, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1- PHILADELPHIA (100-) (JOSEPH ROBERTS)
- 1- PHILADELPHIA (100-) (CP, USA, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1- NY 100-81675 (CP, USA, PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS) (#12-14)
- 1- NY 100-86624-SUB A (CP, USA, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS) (#12-14)
- 1- NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
- 1- NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (#7-5)
- 1- NY 100-55425 (CHARLES NUSGER) (#7-5)
- 1- NY 100- (IRVING HERMAN) (#7-1)
- 1- NY 100-119 (BOB APPEL) (#12-10)
- 1- NY 100-19205 (SID TAYLOR) (#7-5)
- 1- NY 100- (JOSEPH ROBERTS) (7-5)

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AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCES FOR THE CP). THE DISCUSSION WAS LED BY PHIL BART REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE "DAILY WORKER." IT WAS STATED THAT THE "DAILY WORKER" HAS BEEN IN DEBT FOR THREE YEARS AND THE CURRENT CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN FROM WHICH \$32,000.00 HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED HAD ONLY REACHED \$19,000.00. IT WAS STATED A CURRENT EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN WAS IN PROGRESS TO RAISE FUNDS TO LIQUIDATE SOME OF THE DEBTS OF THE "DAILY WORKER." ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, THE "DAILY WORKER" HAS CURRENT DEBTS AMOUNTING TO \$32,000.00 OWED TO AN UNKNOWN SOURCE, \$31,000.00 WHICH WAS BORROWED FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, AND \$5,000.00 IS CURRENTLY OWED IN BACK WAGES. IT WAS STATED THAT WAGES TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE "DAILY WORKER" ARE CURRENTLY PAID ON A "HAND TO MOUTH" BASIS AND IF MONY WAS NOT OBTAINED IMMEDIATELY FOR WAGES THE NEWSPAPER WOULD "FOLD UP." NY 1475-80 STATED THE "DAILY WORKER'S" DEFICIT IS APPROXIMATELY \$150,000.00. MARTHA STONE IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME \$15,000.00 WAS NEEDED TO MEET THE NEWSPAPER'S EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS AND THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 WAS NECESSARY TO

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PAY CURRENT DEBTS. ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, DURING JAN., 1955, THE "DAILY WORKER" RECEIVED INCOMING FUNDS OF APPROXIMATELY \$18,000.00 WHEREAS IT HAD EXPENSES OF \$35,000.00. DURING 1954 THE NEWSPAPER'S EXPENDITURES WERE APPROXIMATELY \$350,000.00. IT WAS PROPOSED BY PHIL BART AND MARTHA STONE THAT THEY IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN AN EMERGENCY \$11,000.00 WHICH WOULD BE DEDUCTED FROM SUBSCRIPTION QUOTAS ASSIGNED VARIOUS AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. AMONG THE ASSESSMENTS WAS \$2,000.00 FROM ILLINOIS, \$2,000.00 FROM CHICAGO, \$1,000.00 FROM NEW JERSEY, \$1,000.00 FROM CONNECTICUT, AND \$5,000.00 FROM NY THAT MUST BE RAISED BY MONDAY, 2/7/55. MARTHA STONE CONTACTED JOE FISHER AT NEWARK AND ASKED HIM TO IMMEDIATELY RAISE \$2,000.00 TO WHICH HE ASSENTED. SID TAYLOR WAS CONTACTED IN NEW HAVEN TO RAISE \$1,000.00 AND HE ASSENTED ALTHOUGH HE STATED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSES OF THE PENDING SMITH ACT TRIAL IN THAT AREA. JOE ROBERTS WAS CONTACTED IN PHILADELPHIA TO IMMEDIATELY RAISE \$1,000.00 AND HE COMPLAINED BITTERLY STATING HIS AREA HAD ALREADY FORWARDED \$300.00 IN

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SUBSCRIPTION FUNDS. ABOVE BEING SUPPLIED FOR INFORMATION.

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SAC, New York (97-169)

2/28/55

GUSTAV S. ABRANDT, SA

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[redacted] advised orally, on 2/18/55, that a national conference of the CPUSA would be held at Jugo Slav Hall at noon, 2/19/55, and on 2/20/55. On 2/19/55, [redacted] called to state that MARTHA STONE presided over the conference, and that PHIL BART occupied the chair. Delegates were present from the Bronx, Detroit, Philadelphia and Chicago, 69 being the total attendance.

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JOHN PITTMAN appeared at the "Daily Worker" offices, after a two week absence, declaring that he had been touring the midwest, speaking to groups on the "Daily Worker" circulation drive at Chicago, Detroit, and St. Louis.

ALBERT BLUMBERG is now accepted as the unofficial editor of the "Daily Worker," and appears to have taken over all policy making functions. Informant is of the opinion that BLUMBERG and GEORGE WATT appear to be playing top roles in the open party leadership. It is not evident to informant what, if any, part underground leadership is playing.

MARY MORRIS, colored, a bookkeeper, has recently been added to the business staff of the "Daily Worker" to assist BELLE SUNDEEN.

- 1 - NY 134-111 (P&C)
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (#7-5)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-88368 (JOHN PITTMAN) (#12-16)
- 1 - NY 100-9984 (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (#7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-89002 (MARY MORRIS) (#12-11)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 (CP, USA) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-94768 (JUGO SLAV HALL) (#1-8)

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GUSTAV S. APPANDT, SA

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[redacted] on 2/21/55, advised SA THORNTON M. WOOD, by phone, that PHIL BART had spent most of Sunday, February 20th, at the offices of the "Daily Worker." Informant advised that ARNER BERRY was currently in Wash., D.C., but that ERIC BURT, City Desk, was going to Washington as correspondent. JOHN PITTMAN has been assigned to take over the City Desk from BURT, while JOSEPH CLARK has been assigned to the Foreign Affairs Desk to replace PITTMAN.

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- 1 - [redacted] (P&C) b7D
① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
1 - NY 100-24638 (ARNER BERRY) (#12-16)
1 - NY 100-25623 (ERIC BURT) (#12-11)
1 - NY 100-88368 (JOHN PITTMAN) (#12-16)
1 - NY 100-14606 (JOSEPH CLARK) (#12-11)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-79)

DATE: 3-7-55

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-18959)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY USA
FARM MATTERS
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The following information and leads resulting therefrom must be most carefully handled to afford maximum security to the informant.

CG 5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 3, 1955 that in a conversation with PHIL BART in New York City on February 28, 1955 BART

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- ④ - New York (REGISTERED)
 - 2 - 100-80634 (CP-USA, FARM MATTERS)
 - 1 - 100- (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 100- (LEM HARRIS)
- 2 - Denver (REGISTERED)
 - 100- (COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, FARM MATTERS)
- 2 - Indianapolis (REGISTERED)
 - 100- (COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, FARM MATTERS)
- 2 - Milwaukee (REGISTERED)
 - 100-42R (COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, FARM MATTERS)
- 2 - Minneapolis (REGISTERED)
 - 100-1878-RR (COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, FARM MATTERS)
- 2 - Newark (REGISTERED)
 - 100-4284N (COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, FARM MATTERS)
- 2 - Omaha (REGISTERED)
 - 100- (COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, FARM MATTER)
- 2 - St. Louis (REGISTERED)
 - 100- (COMMUNIST PARTY USA, FARM MATTERS)
 - 1 - A) 134-46
 - 1 - 100-12259 (ARTHUR HAENDLE)
 - 1 - 100- (COMINFIL NATIONAL FARMERS UNION)

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told the informant to tell ART HAENDLE, presently located in the Chicago area, to utilize his contacts to mobilize for the educational conference of the Farmers Union which will be held in Denver on March 21 through 23, 1955 and gave the informant a typewritten message which reads as follows:

"Phil, will confirm to you that we have decided to make a strong effort to get participation in the coming FU conference as per attached memo. Can you get this to Art, quickly, since the time is short, as coming from the national leadership,
Yours, L."

CG 5824-S further advised that L. is LEM HARRIS. It is noted that BART told CG 5824-S that HAENDLE until March, 1955 was the CP organizer for Wisconsin, Minnesota, including the Dakotas, Iowa, Indiana and Missouri. The following is the "attached memo" to be delivered to HARRIS by CG 5824-S:

Memo re Farmers Union Leaders Conference, Denver,
March 21, 22, 23.

"This is the bi-annual educational conference which occurs on alternate years between conventions. It does not make policy decisions. It will take up insurance, cooperatives, legislative matters and FU services. The theme is looking ahead to the next 10 year period.

"Normally any FU member can go and participate just as at a convention, but it is the suggestion that reservations be made through the state officers. (If there is a hostile state office, undoubtedly a member can go as from his local community).

"It is strongly urged that there be some participation by progressive FU members who can talk with those present in a firm way about the direction in which the union is heading. The main points are:

- More recognition of the growing farm crisis, not just as effects grain farmers, but especially as effecting dairy and poultry farmers. Unity of all farmers with working class allies is the central objective - not critical

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tying up to the coat-tails of the Democratic Party, as is the present marked tendency of the NFU leadership. Rather it is time to promote the conception of a coalition arising by 1956, which encompasses Progressive Republicans from Dakota as in the Non-Partisan League, Progressive Democrat Farm Labor Party people from Minnesota, Progressive Party forces and so forth.

"- second some form of protest, even though just as a matter of informal discussions between delegates, or may be as part of talks during these sessions against the ill-conceived expulsions of whole divisions as in Iowa and New Jersey. Note that New Jersey has gone right ahead fighting for poultry men, with a number of delegations to Washington picketing the Department of Agriculture accompanied by demonstrative giving out of eggs free which gained wide national publicity. Yet, when the NFU office in Washington was contacted by the press re the New Jersey Farmers Union picketeers, that office said:

'Oh that is the bunch we kicked out', thus, repudiating this fine action with all of the FU traditions, including the depression bred Farm Holiday Movement, the FU ought to be the last outfit to repudiate militant farmers actions. This is something for visiting delegates to get excited about.

"- third, it is expected that there will be on hand one or more official representative of the Eastern Farmers Union, presently not affiliated. A warm greeting and pleasant relations should be afforded such a delegate as one of the best ways of signaling the disapproval felt for expulsions. Should anyone come from Iowa, the same warm treatment is obviously in order.

"For the above reasons, it is most important that some progressive delegates who understand the above should be on hand especially from Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas".

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MARTHA STONE, IS-C. CG 5824-S, OF KNOWN RELIABILITY, ORALLY ADVISED SA JOHN E. KEATING ON MARCH 4 LAST THAT DURING A CONVERSATION BETWEEN MARTHA STONE, PHIL BART AND THE INFORMANT IN NEW YORK CITY ON FEBRUARY 23 LAST THE QUESTION OF THE WORK OF THE FBI WITHIN THE CP WAS DISCUSSED. DURING THIS CONVERSATION MARTHA STONE STATED THAT SHE BELIEVES THAT SHE KNOWS THE PERSON WHO GAVE HER AWAY IN CONNECTICUT. STONE STATED THAT DURING THE TIME THAT SHE WAS IN THE UNDERGROUND SHE REFUSED TO GO TO ANY MEETING WHICH INVOLVED MORE THAN ONE OTHER PERSON. STONE STATED THAT SHE VIOLATED THIS RULE ONLY ONCE, WHEN SHORTLY PRIOR TO HER ARREST SHE WENT TO AN INDUSTRIAL GROUP MEETING AT WHICH FOUR PERSONS WERE PRESENT. SHE STATED THAT SHE SUSPECTS THAT ONE OF THE PERSONS IN THIS GROUP GAVE HER AWAY. STONE DID NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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- 1 - NEW HAVEN (REGISTERED)
- 3 - NEW YORK (REGISTERED)
 - 100- (MARTHA STONE)
 - 100- (CP Security Measures)
 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - NEWARK (REGISTERED)
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CP, USA ORGANIZATION; IS-C. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 3/9/55,
NY 1475-30 STATED A MEETING OF A GROUP DESCRIBED AS THE
NATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF THE CP MET ON THE EIGHT FLOOR OF
CP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 265 SEVENTH AVENUE, NYC. INFORMANT
WAS UNABLE TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS MEETING, BUT
STATED CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, ALBERT BLUMBERG, GEORGE WATT, MARTHA
STONE AND PHIL BART WERE IN ATTENDANCE. STONE DESCRIBED LIGHTFOOT,
BART, WATT AND BLENKIN AS THE "PRESENT GOES OF THE PARTY."
NY 1475-30 ADVISED CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT PLANNED TO REMAIN IN NEW YORK
APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK, AFTER WHICH TIME HE WOULD RETURN TO CHICAGO.
FOR INFORMATION.

EMILY

- 3 - BUREAU (100-3-69) (REGULAR)
- 2 - CHICAGO (100-) (CP, USA ORGANIZATION) (REGULAR)
- 1 - 100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (REGULAR)
- 1 - NY 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-66211 (MARTHA STONE) (#7-5)
- 1 - NY 100-9984 (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (#7-5)
- ① - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (#7-1)
- 1 - NY 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (#7-5)

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Reference NY airtel, 9/14/55.

NY 694-S* and NY 693-S* report subject is in open Party and is believed to be Organizational Secretary and Treasurer, CP, USA.

Subject possibly residing 128⁴⁸-Ave. N Brooklyn, NY, with sister and brother-in-law, PHILLIP and CELIA LEVY. Source of information, at this address, alerted for this possibility.

Subject made clandestine meeting with his wife, CONSTANCE S. BART, who continues to operate in the CP Underground, on Saturday, 2/26/55, at the Elizabeth Carteret Hotel, E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, N.J. CONSTANCE BART carried a small over-night bag to this meeting. A confidential source disclosed that no information concerning the CP Underground was available in this bag. The source did furnish a personal letter from JACK KLING, leading CP Underground functionary, to his wife, SUB.

Prior to this meeting, CONSTANCE BART'S hideout had been located as Apt. 4K 45-35 44th St., Queens, NY. Detailed information concerning investigation conducted regarding CONSTANCE BART'S activities in the CP Underground will be furnished to the Bureau under her caption.

The NY report in captioned investigation will be delayed due to intensification of CP Underground investigations during immediate period. Report will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 3/25/55.

- 1 - Bureau (100-4885) (CONSTANCE BART)
1 - Philadelphia (100-22157) (PHIL BART)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
1 - New York (100-96985) (CP UNDERGROUND)

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SA LAWRENCE E. BROWN (100-3191)

JOHN JOHNSON STREET
SM-C

The above captioned individual personally appeared at the Indianapolis Office on 3-2-55, at which time he executed a signed statement admitting he had been a member of Branch 108 CP of Indianapolis from 1941 to 1944 or 1945. He was active in the CP at that time and stated he attended approximately 1/2 of the meetings held for this branch.

In his statement, STREET stated that he recalled that during this period of 1941, 1944 or 1945, the following individuals attended CP Branch meetings in Indianapolis. These meetings, according to STREET, were held in the homes of HERB KAUFMAN, JOSEPH FRIEND, WARREN HUDDLESTONE and IMOGENE POSTON. The individuals STREET names were as follows:

- IMOGENE POSTON (65-177)
- ELMER JOHNSON (100-5194)
- JOSEPH FRIEND (65-667)
- NABEL MITCHELL (100-2989)
- PHIL BART (61-55)
- WARREN HUDDLESTONE (65-1391)
- RUTH MILLHOLLAND (100-1425)
- HERB KAUFMAN and wife (65-1466)
- HARRIET (last name unknown) (100-5381)
- FAY (last name unknown) (100-3416)
- NAOMI GILLESPIE (100-952)
- ROBERT GANT (65-1109)
- ELIZABETH BROWN (100-55)

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: March 10, 1955

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (61-55)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
SMITH ACT OF 1940

Enclosed herewith is one copy of memorandum of SA LAWRENCE E. BROWN, Indianapolis, dated March 7, 1955, entitled "JOHN JOHNSON STREET, SM - C," which contains information concerning the above-captioned individual. This is furnished inasmuch as New York is presently office of origin in this case.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-75) DATE: 3-11-55
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18956)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA -
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1 - Bureau (100-3-88)(CP - FACTIONALISM)(Registered)

24 - New York (Registered)(Encl.3)

- 1 - 100-80640 (CP - NEGRO QUESTION)
- 1 - 100-87221 (CP - FACTIONALISM)
- 1 - 100-9984 (ALBERT BLUMBERG)
- 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 100- (LOU BURNHAM)
- 1 - 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
- 1 - 100- (HARRY HAYWOOD)
- 1 - 100- ("STRETCH" JOHNSON)
- 1 - 100- (JOSH LAWRENCE)
- 1 - 100- (A. B. MAGIL)
- 1 - 100- (CHARLES P. MANN)
- 1 - 100- (NELLY (PH))
- 1 - 100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
- 1 - 100- (MARTHA STONE)
- 1 - 100- (JEAN SMITH)
- 1 - 100-18673 (GEORGE WATT)
- 1 - 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFYSY)
- 1 - 100- (LEON WOFYSY)
- 1 - 100-269 (HENRY WINSTON)
- 1 - 100- (MEL WILLIAMSON)
- 1 - 100-8165 (CP - PAMPHLETS AND PUBLICATIONS)
- 1 - 100- ("DAILY WORKER")
- 1 - 100- ("FREEDOM")
- 1 - 100- (DOXIE WILKERSON)

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- 1 - 100- (NORSTAD)

1 - Cleveland (100-CHARLES KRSHMAREK)(Registered)

1 - Detroit (100-SAUL WELLMAN)(Registered)

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The following information and leads resulting therefrom must be most carefully handled to afford maximum security to the informant.

CG 5824-S, of known reliability, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on March 3, 1955 that he had attended a meeting of the National Administrative Committee of the Communist Party on March 3, 1955, at Yugoslav Hall in New York City. CG 5824-S stated that he learned that the National Administrative Committee is really the National Committee of the Communist Party in disguise. Informant stated that since there have been no Communist Party National Conventions in the past few years, the Party has set up this committee as the highest body in the legal Party.

Attendance at Meeting

CG 5824-S advised that the following persons were in attendance at this meeting:

PHIL BART

ALBERT BLUMBERG

LOU BURNHAM

KRSHMAREK from Cleveland

A. B. MAGIL

NELLY (PH), from New York, described by CG 5824-S as

the open secretary of the New York District of the

Communist Party. The informant stated that the open

secretary is a combination of Organizational Secretary

and Administrative Secretary;

NORSTAD (PH), described by the informant as the District

Organizer for New Jersey;

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's secretary, JEAN

MARTHA STONE

GEORGE WATT

SAUL WELLMAN

DOXIE WILKERSON

MEL WILLIAMSON

ISADORE WOFSEY, whom the informant stated acts as a leg

man and door-keeper for the National Administrative Committee;

LEON WOFSEY

CG 5824-S, who was representing CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

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Informant stated he learned that meetings of this committee are usually not this large, but several additional people had been invited because of the nature of the discussion.

Discussion

CG 5824-S stated that this meeting which was still in progress when he left New York City, dealt with a very critical situation in the Communist Party, concerning the Negro Question. Informant advised that there is a big discussion on this issue in the Communist Party at this time, and it is the most extensive in this regard since 1949. This discussion on the Negro Question is not only a theoretical one, but also one of practical policy and tactics, and there is a big split in the Communist Party on this issue.

The informant learned that the most severe discussion is now taking place in Harlem, although there are reverberations throughout the country, though on a lesser scale. This discussion really started at the time the Communist Party published its program in the summer of 1953.

DOXIE WILKERSON, described as the Head of the Negro Department in New York State, stated at this meeting that the youth in Harlem played a disruptive role, and issued documents of their own on the Negro Question, and otherwise organized the strife. The organizer in Harlem, JOSH LAWRENCE, and the Educational Director in Harlem, whose name the informant did not know, were in the forefront of this fight, and set forth their views on this question.

The following are some of the views of the leaders in Harlem:

1. The Communist Party needs to put more emphasis on the working class, that the working class must have the hegemony of the struggle for Negro rights, and they look with contempt upon what they call the petty bourgeoisie of Negro intellectuals.

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2. That the Communist Party in its fight for peace is not placing socialism in the forefront. This according to them, repels many Negroes.
3. That the danger of fascism is not new to the Negro people. The Negro people know about fascism, therefore there is no need to emphasize fascism.
4. They have expressed a Nationalist attitude towards the white leadership of the Communist Party, and when the white leadership of the New York District of the Communist Party went to one of their discussions, they called it an invasion.

Informant learned that the Harlem Communists blame the Communist Party leadership for a lack of initiative in the struggle for Negro rights. As a result of this, the Communist Party leadership took organizational measures against the Organizer and Educational Director in Harlem in June of 1954.

Informant also learned that when the Communist Party in New York went to Harlem and asked them to work for the "Daily Worker", and "The Worker", they said nothing doing, we will work for the magazine "Freedom", and would have nothing to do with the present drive for increased subscriptions, and will have nothing to do with the fund raising drive that is about to start. In order to influence this situation in Harlem on the week end of February 19, 1955 practically the entire underground leadership made up of Negroes, including "STRETCH" JOHNSON, the District Organizer of New York, attended a meeting with the leadership in Harlem, but were unable to influence them to change their attitude toward the state and county leadership of the Communist Party.

A number of those present at this meeting verified that there is a sharp conflict developing. They characterized it as outright factionalism, and disgraceful. They said that the situation is getting worse, deteriorating, and hardening to the point where the Communist Party in Harlem has been demobilized for a good number of months. They also cited

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instances where some of the white leadership were threatened with bodily harm when they tried to intervene in the Harlem discussions.

DOXIE WIKERSON pointed out that they are continuing discussions with patience, and hope to make a break through and convince the better elements in Harlem, although at the moment very little progress has been made in winning them over. According to WIKERSON they utilized the HARRY HAYWOOD document on this question to rally against the Party. They wanted to know where it is and why it has not been published and circularized. (Informant advised on March 7, 1955 that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT has in his possession the HARRY HAYWOOD document, which runs over thirty pages, and the informant hopes to be able to borrow it for a few days.)

It was decided at this meeting to continue the fight on the Negro Question from the ideological front, and the possibility of additional organizational measures was considered. They will continue, nevertheless, to try to achieve unity in the Party organization in Harlem.

With regard to echoes of this Harlem fight throughout the Communist Party, CG 5824-S stated that it has shown up in Chicago, and that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT in a recent discussion with CG 5824-S, stated that some of the Negro comrades have lost faith and have a lack of trust in the white leadership of the Communist Party in Illinois. He stated that the resignation of [redacted] of the [redacted] is to some extent based upon this attitude.

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LIGHTFOOT also indicated that perhaps there is a lack of sensitivity to white chauvinism. The Party is not fighting as hard as it used to against white chauvinism, and for Negro rights. The District Board of Illinois, therefore, put on the order of business for the next State Committee meeting, the question of the struggle for Negro rights and is planning an all out ideological campaign, first of all inside the Communist Party, then a mobilization of the Communists, and of their sympathizers, as well as trade unions wherever they have influence to begin a big

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battle to bring before the people of Chicago and the country what they call the appalling situation in Trumbull Park in Chicago.

At the New York meeting the informant also learned that the Communist Party is also fighting for a policy to do away with the so-called "left" organizations among the Negro people, and are putting more emphasis upon the Communists joining the already existing mass organizations of Negroes. The Party accuses those who want to retain these "left" and Communist centers of left sectarianism. The Party points out that the main objection in the fight against imperialism is the formation of what is termed an all Negro national front for liberation. The Party feels that the Communists must learn to work inside these right led organizations, and to cooperate with the leaders of these organizations even though these leaders are of a different ideological persuasion.

CG 5824-S also learned that while the Party plans to hammer out the policy indicated above, the work of the Communist Party is at a standstill on this front, and they realize that a sharper struggle against the whites may open up inside the Communist Party. Some of the Negro leaders have taken exception to the article by WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, which appeared in the summer of 1953, in which he called for a halt in some of the excesses in the so-called fight against white chauvinism. There is also a certain amount of scepticism among the Negroes about the conviction of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT. They are of the opinion that LIGHTFOOT was put forth as a victim by the whites. They want to know why some whites were not involved in the Chicago trial. This again is proof to some of the Nationalist minded Negroes that even in the Communist Party the Negroes are oppressed.

The informant further advised that there are a number of documents for discussion purposes on this question and in the opinion of the informant a study of these documents will indicate the chart the Communist Party will take in the next few months on this question.

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MARTHA STONE gave CG 5824-S three documents on this question to be delivered to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT on the informant's arrival in Chicago from New York. One of these documents is an article entitled "Memorandum on the Negro Question" by W. Z. FOSTER. The informant advised that he was told that there are only three copies of this document in existence, and the informant advised that the handwritten notes in the margin and the underlining in this document were made by WILLIAM L. PATTERSON at the above described meeting in New York. One copy of this document is enclosed for the Bureau and one copy for the New York Office.

Another document is from the OBU (Other Bureau Underground) and is entitled "For a Mass Policy in Negro Freedom's Cause" by FREDERICK C. HASTINGS and CHARLES P. MANN. This article indicates that it is prepared for the next issue of "Political Affairs". The informant advised that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT has told him on two different occasions that HASTINGS is HENRY WINSTON. CG 5824-S stated that he has also learned that MANN was formerly a Communist Party Organizer in Westchester, but the informant does not know his true name. One copy of this document is being enclosed for the Bureau and one copy for the New York Office.

The third document is entitled "Some Problems of Theory, Ideology, and Tactics in Negro Work". The informant advised that this document is a report that LOU BURNHAM gave before the National Administrative Committee some time during February, 1955. One copy of this document is being furnished to the Bureau, and one copy to the New York Office.